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## Adoption of Municipal Plan and Budget 2021/2022

City of Palmerston has adopted its Municipal Plan and Budget for 2021/2022 after it was confirmed at last night's Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Draft Plan and Budget were released to the community for feedback over 28 days of consultation.

City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell explained that the process of involving the community and providing opportunity for feedback is an important step in developing the Municipal Plan and Budget.

"Our community is at the centre of all we do, and there is a heavy importance placed on partnering with the people of Palmerston to develop core documents such as these.

"Council looks forward to delivering an array of projects to the Palmerston community over the next twelve months," she said.

The Municipal Plan and Budget ensures that Council continues to deliver and build on services to the community and invest in the ongoing renewal of the \$737 million of community infrastructure assets.

Municipal Plan highlights include:

- \$15 million Swimming Wellness Events Leisure & Lifestyle (SWELL) project,
- Over \$20 million in capital spend on community infrastructure;
- \$350,000 development of a regional dog park in Zuccoli,
- \$500,000 Greening and Cooling the City program,
- \$1.1 million in improvements to Archer Waste Management Facility,
- Marginal increase in Residential Rates by an average of 2.4% with \$30 increase on the Residential Minimum Rate which will be offset by a \$10 reduction in waste charges, and
- The continuation of free parking in City Centre.

The Municipal Plan and Budget is available to view at Council's website, [palmerston.nt.gov.au](http://palmerston.nt.gov.au)

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